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FOR: METHODS AND MATERIALS FOR USING CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS  
AS A TOOL FOR NUCLEIC ACID STORAGE ON MEDIA OF NUCLEIC  
ACID PURIFICATION SYSTEMS

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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.